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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In the following claims, which include all the claims in this application, claims 1 through 7 and 18 are canceled, and claims 8 and 19 are amended.

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

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5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (currently Amended) A control system for supplying a hydraulically operated device with a working medium pressure for hydraulically controlling a contact pressure of a movable pulley against an endless torque-transmitting member of a continuously variable transmission, said control system comprising:

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one of a pressure control valve and a pressure reduction valve, which can be controlled via a control means by a control variable in order to adjust a working medium pressure acting on the ~~hydraulically-operated device~~ movable pulley within a nominal pressure range and a maximum pressure range, wherein the maximum pressure range is between a system pressure value and the nominal pressure range, including an actuation means for the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve that actuates a valve body member beyond a specified value of the control variable in such a way that with equal changes of the control variable the working medium pressure in the maximum pressure range changes more than in the nominal pressure range, and a control conduit connected with the control means and extending between and operatively connected with the actuation means and with the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve for conducting a pilot pressure produced by the control means to the actuation means and to the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve.

9. (previously amended) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve includes a valve body member that is operated by a control medium serving as a control variable.

10. (original) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the proportional valve modulates the control medium pressure for the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve from the pilot pressure as a function of its selection.

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11. (previously amended) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the control means is a proportional valve that modulates the control variable from a pilot variable.

12. (previously amended) A control system in accordance with claim 11, wherein the pilot variable is a pilot pressure and wherein the control means is a proportional valve that can be controlled electrically.

13. (previously amended) A control system in accordance with claim 12, wherein the proportional valve modulates the control medium pressure for the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve from the pilot pressure as a function of its selection.

14. (previously amended) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the valve body member of the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve includes a pressure feedback surface against which the working medium pressure is applied.

15. (previously amended) A control system in accordance with claim 14, wherein the actuation means is an on-off valve and is arranged downstream from the pressure feedback surface, and the actuation means is actuated by the

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control means, and wherein beyond a defined value of the control variable the pressure feedback to the pressure feedback surface is at least restricted.

16. (original) A control system in accordance with claim 15, wherein the on-off valve can be controlled via the control medium pressure.

17. (original) A control system in accordance with claim 15, wherein the on-off valve can be actuated electrically via the at least one control means.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method for operating a control system for supplying a ~~hydraulically operated device~~ with a working medium pressure for hydraulically controlling a contact pressure of a movable pulley against an endless torque-transmitting member of a continuously variable transmission, said method comprising the steps of: controlling a pressure control valve via a control means by a control variable for adjusting a working medium pressure acting on the ~~hydraulically operated device~~ movable pulley within a nominal pressure range and a maximum pressure range, wherein the maximum pressure range is between a system pressure value and the nominal pressure range; and actuating a valve body member of the pressure control valve beyond a specified value of the control variable so that with equal changes of the control variable the working medium pressure in the maximum pressure range changes more than in the

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nominal pressure range; and conducting a pilot pressure from the control means to an actuation means operatively connected with the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve and to the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve.

20. (previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 19, wherein the pilot pressure is operative in a direction against respective spring forces acting within the actuation means and within the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve.

21. (previously presented) A control system in accordance with claim 8, wherein the pilot pressure is operative in a direction against respective spring forces acting within the actuation means and within the pressure control valve or pressure reduction valve.